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Miss Staffa reviews cast with S. Annella.

## Cast Chosen At Rehearsals

The Dramatics Club has announced that the first of two plays scheduled for this school year will be presented Tuesday, December 3 and Wednesday, December 4. The play selected is "Quality Street" by James M. Barrie who also wrote "Peter Pan." Members of the cast were chosen after a week of tryouts.

The story takes place in London during the Napoleonic Wars of the 1880's. Some of the characters are Phoebe played by Marian Wetzel, Valentine - Diane Freel, Harriet - Lorraine Carroll, Mary Willoughby - Michele La Pointe, Susan - Pat Sullivan, and Arthur - Diane Culkin.

## Diocese Of Brooklyn Observes Tribute To Parochial Education

During the week of November 10 through the 15, Catholic Education Week is being observed throughout the Brooklyn Diocese. Each year it is held in recognition of the remarkable work accomplished by the Catholic school system and the sisters, brothers, and lay teachers who comprise its teaching staff. In accordance with this purpose, Bishop McDonnell's Guidance Department, under the direction of Sister Mary Isabel, S.C., inaugurated a new program in the form of a Catholic Education Day.

Catholic colleges, business schools, and schools of nursing from the metropolitan area sent representatives to participate in this program which was held November 10. All Seniors and Juniors who were interested were invited to attend. Fordham University, Saint Joseph's College for Women, Saint Vincent's Hospital Nursing School, Grace Institute, Marymount College and Mary Immaculate School of Nursing were some of the schools present.

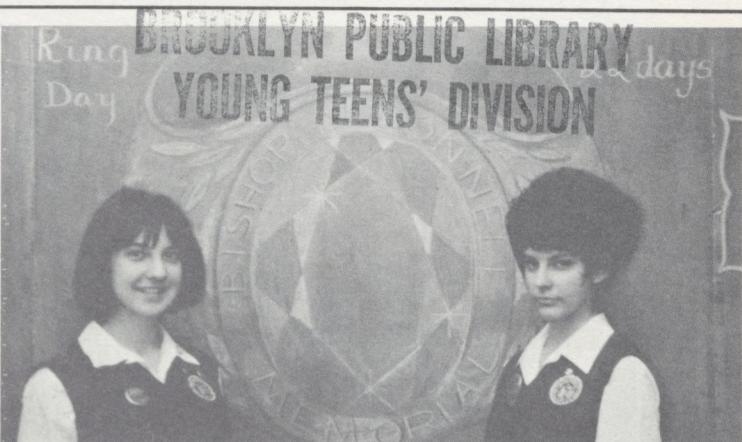
In conjunction with Catholic Education Week, Bishop's has also planned the annual Open School Week. On the 11, 12, 13 and 14 of November, parent-teachers meetings will be held for Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors respectively. These meetings will give parents an opportunity to talk with teachers about their daughter's progress.

## Companies Give Aid To Students

The Westinghouse Science Scholarship and Awards is offering five scholarship grants from \$7,500 to \$3,000 for a four year college course. Winners will be awarded invitations to the Science Talent Institute and all-expense trips to Washington, D.C.

The main requirements for the scholarship is a thousand word report on a science project done by the student which is creative, interpretative, and original in character.

A scholarship test offered by Pillsbury will be held on December 3. Awards up to \$5,000 will be made. There is no stipulation on choice of college or major; the winners may apply the money to any college.



Class Pres., Kathy Gerardi and Monique LeBras display picture of the Senior Ring which appears on black board in each Senior class.

## Special Assembly Held

## Nov. 20 Marks Ring Day For Bishop's 658 Seniors

On November 20, 1963 the fourth year students of Bishop McDonnell Memorial will receive their Senior rings at a special assembly, conducted by their principal, Father Fitzpatrick. Towards the end of the ceremony each president will accept the rings and distribute them on stage to her respective class. Parents and relatives are invited to the school for the presentation which is scheduled to begin at 2 o'clock.

At the beginning of the school year, it was reported that a new color stone would be selected for the Senior ring. However, tradition overruled and the ring will not be changed. The customary "purple and gold" will remain.

Seniors will be permitted to wear dresses instead of the usual uniform for Ring Day. Wool is the favorite fabric; but styles will vary greatly. The A-line style is important in low-waisted jumpers and belted dresses are popular. Each girl will wear a corsage bought by the Senior class especially for this day.

After the presentation in school, nearly all the Seniors will enjoy a night out to celebrate. For most, this will include a dinner in a New York restaurant, to be followed by a trip to the theatre or the movies. Among the Broadway plays, the girls will attend are: "Oliver," "Enter Laughing," and "Tovarich." Others will go to Radio City Music Hall.

## Mitre Ranks As Medalist; Magic Circle Wins Award

It has been announced that the Mitre of June 1963 has received a Medalist rating from Columbia Scholastic Press Contest. This is the highest possible honor given to any school publication and credit must be given to Arlene Corio and Constance Martin for their fine job of editing the '63 Mitre.

The officers of this year's Mitre were recently named. Justine Mushallo of 208 is Editor, while Judy Pringal and Regina Sirutis are taking over as Assistant Editor and Secretary respectively. Sister Helen Jerome is the new moderator of the Mitre, replacing Sister Mary Jorgue who held this post formerly.

Our literary publication, the Magic Circle has captured first honors in the National Scholastic Association. Under the direction of Sister M. Francis Assisi, the Magic Circle has been published for two years.

## Met Debuts With Comic Opera To Be Presented At Memorial

Under the sponsorship of the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, the opera, "Cosi Fan Tutte" will be staged at Bishop's by a cast from the Metropolitan Opera Studio, Wednesday, December 11, at 1:00 P.M. in the school auditorium.

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's comic opera, "Cosi Fan Tutte" or "That's the Way They Are" was performed for the first time in Vienna on January 26, 1790. It was the third of Mozart's great comic operas and the most characteristic of his work and style.

The theme of the opera deals with two young officers who in a rash moment of boastfulness decide that they will try the constancy of their loves by pretending to go to war. Later, they return disguised and start wooing their loves.

A few days previous to the performance, the Music Department will distribute to the students a more complete summary of Mozart's "That's the Way They Are."

## Class Prepares A Yuletide Play

Instead of the usual adaptation of a drama, the Christmas Play this year will be written by the Creative Writing Class under the direction of Sister Francis Assisi. The Christmas theme will be set in a modern background depicting a young girl's experiences as a clerk in a department store. Although some parts are humorous, the play is expected to convey a moral theme. During the last week of school before the Christmas holidays the play will be presented.



S. Mary Jeanne with Leo Honor officers Lois Matejka, Claire Drake, Janet Rossi and Diane Romeo.

## Juniors and Seniors Join School Leo Honor Society

The Bishop McDonnell Chapter of the Leo Honor Society welcomed twenty-three new Juniors and forty Seniors at the assembly held October 28. The faculty, Leo Honor members of a year's standing, class officers, parents, and friends were invited to the ceremony. This year, the Sophomores and Juniors were also asked to the assembly to incite a desire for membership in this Nation wide Society.

Janet Rossi, the president of the Leo Honor Society, started the induction program with an address to the assembly. Father Fitzpatrick presented the pins to the girls; the president invested them with their ribbons. Diane Romeo, the secretary, gave the new members their membership cards. Directing his talk to the girls, Father Fitzpatrick spoke of the importance of maintaining high scholastic standings as well as the developing of the Leo Honor girl's Christian character.

Each candidate participated in a careful screening process before she was admitted into the Society. A letter of recommendation from her pastor was required. In addition she was expected to exhibit qualities of leadership by actively participating in school and parish societies.

## Three Research Groups Begin Year Of Scientific Experiments

This fall the Diocesan Science Research group goes into its third year of developing and stimulating scientific initiative among high school Juniors and Seniors from the various boys and girls schools. Applicants were chosen from those students who presented a 90% average in their science subjects and intend to pursue a science course in college and from the results of a test given in biology, chemistry, earth science, and physics. The groups meet on different days of the week, one at Bishop Loughlin, another at St. Augustine's, and a third at St. John's University.

The purpose of these groups is to increase a physical contact with the scientific fields of protozoology, hematology, and heredity. Though basically the subjects under study are taken in the high school curriculum, these seminars, experiments, and lectures allow the coeds to break through the limitations of time and facilities which a high school course places upon them. The groups are under the supervision of Sister Leo Francis O.P. and Brothers from the boys' high schools.



S. Leo Francis discusses research groups with Bro. Raymund.

## FLASH

In the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Examination taken in March, three girls from Bishop's have achieved special recognition. Certificates of merit have been awarded to Catherine Colgan of 203, Lorraine Murphy of 303, and Helena Pycior, H.R.

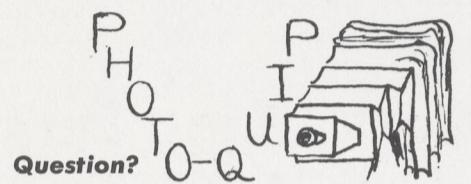
## Value Of Catholic Education

Since medieval times when the only schools were those supported by the Catholic Church, the Catholic Educational system has grown to become the world's most extensive system of privately supported schools of education.

Since educating one's children in a Catholic school entails such a financial burden, why do so many people sacrifice many comforts and luxuries merely to send their children to privately supported schools when they could avoid this great expense, by sending their children to public schools which are supported by their own taxes?

To us Catholics, the answer is simple. It lies in the aim of Catholic Education to educate our children religiously and morally so that they are more capable of coping with the serious problems they will encounter during their teenage and adult years.

A Catholic school education, however, is not merely a five-day week religion course. The three R's are taught by our sisters, brothers, and lay teachers but a 4th R, Religion, is stressed as well.



What is your opinion of the Laurel?



Janet Beggi D11-112

Although the Laurel is a very fine paper, I would like to offer a few pointers which a few colleagues and I agree on. There is not enough coverage on the students themselves. The paper is supposed to be for "us"—well why not let "us" be the main feature. Another suggestion would be to use more controversial subjects.

I am sure the Laurel staff works very hard putting out the paper, but at times I find the Laurel very boring. I think that if there were more articles on the student body the girls would be more apt to read them. I also think that more information concerning the different school clubs would incite students to join them.



Loretta Rocco C6-O.P.

I thoroughly enjoy reading each issue of the Laurel because it affords to everyone the most interesting facts about our school. The artistic talents of the staff are enjoyed by all. However, I think that shorter articles and more pictures of the student body would make it more interesting. I would like more student news, news of basketball games and less faculty reports.

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The social and moral benefits to be derived from this Religion course are well worth the cost to the Catholic parent whose child matures as a good Christian adult, liberal minded, and well educated.

But what about the future of Catholic education? That is our problem as the parents of the next generation.

### A Turkey Tale

Here I am again, alive on Thanksgiving Day! Isn't that absolutely the most horrible thing you've heard of in your life? A healthy, handsome, tender, young turkey like me has been told year after year, that I'm too small, too skinny, or that I'm just not Thanksgiving Dinner material! I, whose ancestors have graced tables all over, am considered just too puny. Why, it's downright unconstitutional! Every turkey is guaranteed life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, which for me is being Thanksgiving Dinner.

Hey! Wait a minute! Here comes a man with an ax and he is heading right toward me. Oh drumsticks! He turned off and there goes Gus the Gobbler running away from him. Well, Gus's breed never amounted to much anyway.

"Gobble-gobble! Hey mister! Do you want a free turkey? Come and get me!"

What's this? He's calling me! Oh boy! Cranberry sauce, here I come!

Well, friends, here I am the pride of the barnyard surrounded by all the trimmings and the happiest turkey alive, oh, excuse me—dead.

### Reporter Reviews Hart's Biography; Top Hits Include Jazz, Folk Music

Invasive the world of sight and sound this season is a wide assortment of books and records. The avid reader or music lover has much to choose from.

"Act One" by Moss Hart is the autobiography of Moss and how he overcame innumerable obstacles, in order to reach his goal in the bright lights of Broadway. His conquest was the hardships which faced him and his final triumph make this a book well worth reading.

"The Seventeen Book of Etiquette and Entertaining" by Enid A. Haupt, editor of Seventeen magazine, is a contemporary guide to good manners and behaviour, helping the teenager to handle any situation with ease and tact.

Ray Anthony and his band blare their way through the "Smash Hits of '63." A few of these selections are "Cast Your Fate to the Wind" and "Walk Right In." Peter, Paul and Mary present their latest album "In the Wind." Included are, "Blowin' in the Wind" and "Don't Think Twice."

Murray the K (live from the Brooklyn Fox) records the songs from that recent record-breaking show. A few of these are "Be My Baby" by the Ronettes and "So Much in Love" by the Tymes.



## Thanksgiving Discontent

Thanksgiving Day, November 28, 1963—what scene does this bring to mind? One is most apt to imagine a typical American family seated around the dinner table, thanking God for the blessings that He has bestowed upon them. But is this just a meaningless ritual to be acted out each November in a hypocritical attempt to cover the insincerity and prejudice of the preceding eleven months?

In this day and age, Americans have, as Shakespeare said, "Great cause to give thanks." A great concept of freedom has been granted us; yet many of us turn our backs on those who now seek this selfsame guarantee of rights. It is not just adults who fail to shoulder the burden of their responsibility towards those of a different race. The youth of today who shrug this off saying that racial prejudice has absolutely no place in their lives, are equally lax. They live in day-dream world in which their indifference gives impetus to the very problem they are trying so hard to ignore.

A constructive attitude toward the idea of bigotry must first include realization of its existence. It touches each one of us personally and acceptance of this must be made before anything positive can be done.

Idealistic youth with its freedom from deeply ingrained notions can prove the perfect bulwark against prejudice. Once this problem has been faced squarely an important step will have been made towards that day in which all Americans everywhere will give prayerful thanks to God for the final achievement of the equality guaranteed to them by the Constitution.

### Letters

#### To The Editor

Dear Editor:

Since the Senior Academic students can take several commercial courses, I would like to know if in our Senior year the Commercial Juniors can take academic courses, such as a language and science.

Virginia Amaty  
C5-312

Ed. Note:

The Senior Academic students who are taking commercial courses are doing so with the permission of their grade advisors. The only advice I can give to commercial students is to bring the matter up with your grade advisor.

Dear Editor,

As a Junior, I would like to know if there is any chance of our getting our Senior rings at the end of our Junior Year?

Cathy Schussler  
C4-305

Ed. Note: One of the most important traditions in Bishop's is the Ring Day Ceremony each November. Ring Day is one of those memorable occasions that mark a girl's Senior year and much of the significance would be lost if changed to Junior year. However if you would really like to have the date moved up, it's up to YOU as a member of the class of '65 to do something about it. Circulate a petition, talk to your class president or attend a Student Senate meeting and bring the matter up. That's what this student organization is for, so make use of it.

### The Horizon

*I shade my eyes and gaze at the soft gray skies  
Remembering summer days when breezes were soft.  
Now leaves mingle compassionately with the  
dying grass  
Crunching heralds of the crisp days of fall.  
Silver-tipped birds glide overhead, honking a  
plaintive song  
As they bewail the onslaught of the great  
Snow-King.  
I marvelled at their swiftness as they soared  
Through banks of clouds and reached the  
pinnacle of beauty.  
The wind no longer caresses, but now carries  
dark clouds  
Which pour forth a mantilla of glistening  
white lace.  
Poor mortal, listen what I say to thee, as cold  
winds blow thy way.  
Small white puffs will mark the sky and gone  
the crisp fall day.*

Sandra Goslin D5-HR

# Senior Who's Who

Interested in science since her freshman year, Claire Drake of D10-202, has participated in two Science Fairs. At Bishop's last year she received second prize for her achievement.

Claire hails from St. Francis Xavier Parish where she serves as president of her sodality.

An academic student, Claire is vice-president of the Leo Honor Society. An avid sports fan, Claire is an active member of her C.Y.O. basketball team. She likes all types of music and is a skilled trumpeter in the school orchestra. Claire may also be found on duty as a Student Councilor.

As the weather begins to chill Claire heads for the nearest rink where she participates in her favorite pastime, ice skating.

Last year when Claire attended a Science and Engineering Career Conference, she decided her plans for the future. Her aspirations include attending St. John's College and one day reaching her final goal—becoming a chemist.

Are you looking for an efficient secretary? Well, your search has ended—Bishop's Diane Burge D3-315 fits the description.

Hailing from Blessed Sacrament Parish, Diane belongs not only to the National Business Honor Society but also to the Leo Honor Society. With three years of service as a class officer behind her, Diane is now Assistant-Secretary of her official class. Besides, she is Vice-President of the Sienese Secretarial Club. Moreover, demonstrating literary aptitude, Diane heads the Prop Committee and serves as school correspondent to the Herald Tribune.

When not occupied with activities for Bishop's or for her Parish, Diane enjoys bowling, fishing, reading, and ice-skating. She also knits in her spare time.

Diane's plans for the future include attendance at Pace College and a career as an executive secretary.

Take one crowded, noisy hallway and add one very efficient student councilor who soon has everything running smoothly—then you have Elaine Marr, of D8-205, in action. Ever since she came to Bishop's her presence has been felt through her active participation in the Student Council, the Student Service League, the Spanish Club, and Bowling Club.

Foremost on her long list of outstanding achievements is the fact that she was chosen to represent Memorial at the "Governor's Conference on Youth" held in New York last year. Now Elaine has won the added honor of again representing Memorial at a special three day conference to be held in Albany.

When she is not participating in conferences, this zealous Memorialite likes to pass her idle hours by bowling or reading.

In her home parish, St. Stanislaus Kostka, she is recognized as an active sodalist. As far as her future aspirations, Elaine's plans center around Queens College and a possible career in teaching.

## Fashion Defines Casual Look; Hairdos And Jewelry Accented

Does Suzie wonder why mama looks askance at the teased hairdo she has spent hours to achieve? Well, perhaps the answer lies in the fact that the "lion-man" look is definitely out, and that fashion dictates that hair look like hair this season. So, throw away those teasing combs and dig out your brushes, girls!

If off the face styles are your look, you can achieve that sleek and sophisticated air that is so much the vogue. For daytime date time style, you may want to vary your hairdo from angel to imp by adding a feather of bangs and wearing your coiffure in a neat pageboy. The simpler the shape, the better long hair stays put. Since the classical flip is still very much "in," the long haired beauties will find this very chic.

From Greenwich Village, New York to Nob Hill, San Francisco the "matte" look is sweeping the nation. This flawless look is achieved by makeup sparingly applied with the accent on offbeat, muted shades.

As chic as your attire may be your eyes attract the most attention. If moderately applied, eye-shadow can produce flattering effects.

Baubles, bangles—the accent is on jewelry this season. The vogue is "bangle" bracelets. Everyone is buying these inexpensive articles in the form of earrings, bracelets and rings. For evening though, a pearl necklace or a lovely gold or silver chain is worn on the most simple dress to give it that extra touch of elegance. For the fashion-minded miss, the best rule is—dress discreetly for daytime, as well as at night.



(left to right) Maria Celo Cruz, Maureen Hogan, Johanna La Rosa, and Barbara Gigganbach discuss plans for Student Senate.

## School Introduces Senate As First Legislative Body

In accordance with their campaign promises, Student Council officers, Maria Celo Cruz and Barbara Gigganbach, announced plans for the extension of student government at Bishop's. Presented at the assembly of September 19, their proposal supported the creation of a Student Senate in which members of all grade levels were to be represented.

Since then, Bishop's Student Senate has become a reality. The first legislative body of its kind in the school, it has as its chief functions the drafting of legislative acts and the furtherance of cooperation among Memorialites.

To guide the operations of the Senate there is a Constitution. Above all, this document clearly outlines the law-making process which the Senate must follow. First, it states that, in order to receive the Senate's consideration, a proposition must secure a majority vote in the class in which it originates. Having gained this support, it can then be brought by the class representative to a session of the body. If it again receives the necessary number of votes, now two-thirds of those cast, it goes to the President of the Student Council who, in turn, decides whether or not the bill is to be presented to the Principal for his approval. Provision is made, however, for overriding the President's veto.

Included in the Senate, representatives of the school's Student Councilors also have the right to introduce legislation and vote on proposed resolutions. While the balloting of the Presidents of the classes, who serve as members of the Senate, depends on the thoughts of the entire classes, those of the Student Council representatives must coincide only with the opinions of the girls by whom they were elected.

## Priest Explains Sodality's Plan

Reverend John Regan, former priest-counselor at Bishop's who now serves as the Moderator of the Sodalities for the Diocese of Brooklyn, addressed Memorialites on October 21 and suggested the formation of a sodality within Bishop's.

In order to bring Memorialites to a greater awareness of the importance of the Sodality, Father also briefly outlined its guiding plan, the Sodality is not just another social club, but actually embodies a spiritual way of life. The day which the Sodalists follows includes a daily Rosary, meditation, and examination of conscience. Moreover, the member of the Sodality is strongly urged to attend Mass frequently, and to participate annually in a closed retreat.

Father concluded his talk by telling Memorialites that applications for membership in the proposed Sodality would be soon made available to all those willing to follow the outlined plan.

## Typist Offers Tips On Skill

At an assembly October 15, a typing demonstration was presented through the courtesy of the Royal Typewriting Company.

Arranged through the efforts of Sister Albertina, chairman of the Commercial Department, the program included a demonstration by Mr. Cortez Peters. He exhibited the great range of speed that can be achieved with practice by a skilled typist.

Mr. Peters suggests these typing hints, "Use your fingers and not your arms, keep your fingernails short, do not cross your legs, and read in phrases rather than letters. Don't sacrifice accuracy for the sake of speed."

## Eminent Actress Embodies Many Outstanding Qualities

By Regina Leeds  
C12-104

Vivien Leigh is many things to many people. To some she is a great actress, to others one of the most beautiful women in the world, and to most she is Scarlett O'Hara. To me Vivien Leigh is all these and more.

I had seen Vivien in "Tovarich" during the winter and now I was to meet her in person. My first glimpse of her was as she walked down the alley to the stage door of the "Majestic Theatre." She wore a bright red suit, a large hat and dark glasses. A few minutes later I was shown into her dressing room and this time she appeared quite different. Her tiny, lithe, slim body now sported a flower print kimono whose sides were slit much in the Chinese fashion. As I sat down to begin my interview her head turned toward me and, her eyes flashing, she gave me a smile which at once put me at ease. During the next half hour I learned many interesting things about this great lady and I'd like to share some of them with you.

Vivien Leigh is an only child and undoubtedly one of the most talented actresses alive. Ever since childhood the desire to act

### CALENDAR

- Nov. 20—Ring Day  
A dream come true!
- Nov. 28-29—Thanksgiving Recess  
Today, much more so than ever we have much to be grateful for.
- Dec. 3—Betty Crocker Competition  
The way to a judge's heart is through his stomach.
- Dec. 3-4—School Play  
Thespians, come forward!
- Dec. 7—College Entrance Boards  
Good Luck!
- Dec. 20—Christmas Vacation begins  
Time enough to gain and lose 20 lbs.

## Ring Completes Senior Dreams

By Stephanie Irene  
D16D-207

One can readily feel an air of anxiety pervading the fourth year students as the date, November 20, approaches, the day for the reception of their long desired Senior rings. They have patiently waited four years for the joyous day when Father Fitzpatrick would present each individual with her very own ring, and now the moment is near at hand.

Very often the question, "What does this ring signify to these students?" is brought to mind. It is not merely the true mark of a senior, because to a Senior Memorialite it possesses a symbolism far beyond material appearances. It signifies the beginning of a new life and socially marks the end of those days spent at Bishop McDonnell High School.

When these girls are grown and their high school days are far behind, the ring will serve as a reminder of the grand times enjoyed at Bishop's and the wonderful acquaintances made during their high school years.

Thus, I think that each senior has a right to be apprehensive about the "Ring Day" ceremony.

Yes, it will be a memorable day, one marked by the tears mingled with laughter that so often is connected with growing up. But it will be with tears of joy that the Senior receives her ring, proud of the heritage and tradition of which she is a part, but most of all, proud that she is a Memorialite.



Vivien Leigh

Yes, Vivien Leigh is many things to many people, great actress, great beauty and great lady.

## School Acquires Priest Advisors

It is exceptionally unusual for an average modern teen-age student to complete her high school career without having been faced, at least once, with a physical, scholastic or religious problem. The students of Bishop McDonnell are fortunate in going to a school which is well equipped to handle these perplexing issues when they arise. Whether it be to the school nurse or the grade advisor that the student brings her problem, she is always assured that she will receive a helping hand. And now, through the increase of the number of priest counselors, Memorialites are able to share with these competent advisors their anxieties concerning family life, vocations, and their faith.

The schedule of these four priests who have donated their free hours during the week to counsel the students of Bishop's is:

Monday	Reverend John Byrnes from St. Peter Claver
Wednesday	Reverend Henry Kern from St. Francis de Chantal
Thursday	Reverend John Egan from Holy Ghost Parish
Friday	Reverend John Cronin from St. Michael's



Seniors (l. to r.) Frances Panchok, Maryanne Niemczynski and Marie Elena Giuttari of D1-208 view an exhibit on the cell theory at Brookhaven National Labs.

## Open House Held At Labs On Long Island, Oct. 26

Bishop's Science Department had the pleasure of offering free admission tickets for Visitors Day at Brookhaven National Laboratories. All students interested in biology, chemistry, physics or their complementary sciences were invited along with the Science Club on October 26.

Exhibit topics included "Fundamental Particles and their Properties," "Physical, Chemical and Biological Effects of Nuclear Radiation," "Radioisotopes and Other Nuclear Technology." Stops at several of the major research facilities, the Theatre and the exhibit buildings were made possible by Bus Tours. Exhibits showing examples of research undertaken at Brookhaven were open to the visitors.

The students viewed motion pictures "Introducing Atoms and Nuclear Energy" in which the general structure of the atom was explained. Progress achieved by U.S. Scientists in using radiation to create new strains of food was projected on the screen in the movie "Harvest of an Atomic Age."

For the public's convenience, a physicist, a chemist, and a biologist were stationed in the gymnasium to clarify any scientific problem presented.

## Students Accept Invitation To Join Extracurriculars

Since extracurricular activity is necessary for a well rounded high school career, membership in Bishop's outstanding clubs has become a must for most Memorialites. Following are just a few examples of the variety of clubs which are available for membership to Bishop's students.

### History Club

Meetings are held twice monthly and are open to Juniors and Seniors. One meeting held in school, consists mainly of debates, skits, and quizzes; while the other is a field trip that acquaints the members with landmarks of historical events. Two such outings were the trips to the Federal Reserve Bank in New York City and the Statue of Liberty. The History Club officers are President: Rita Cullen D1-208, Vice-President: Faye de Santo C8-102, Secretary: Rosemary Johnston, Treasurer: Joan Bedel C7-211. Under the leadership and the supervision of Sister Rita Regina and Sister Michael Marion, the club strives to make history live for its members.

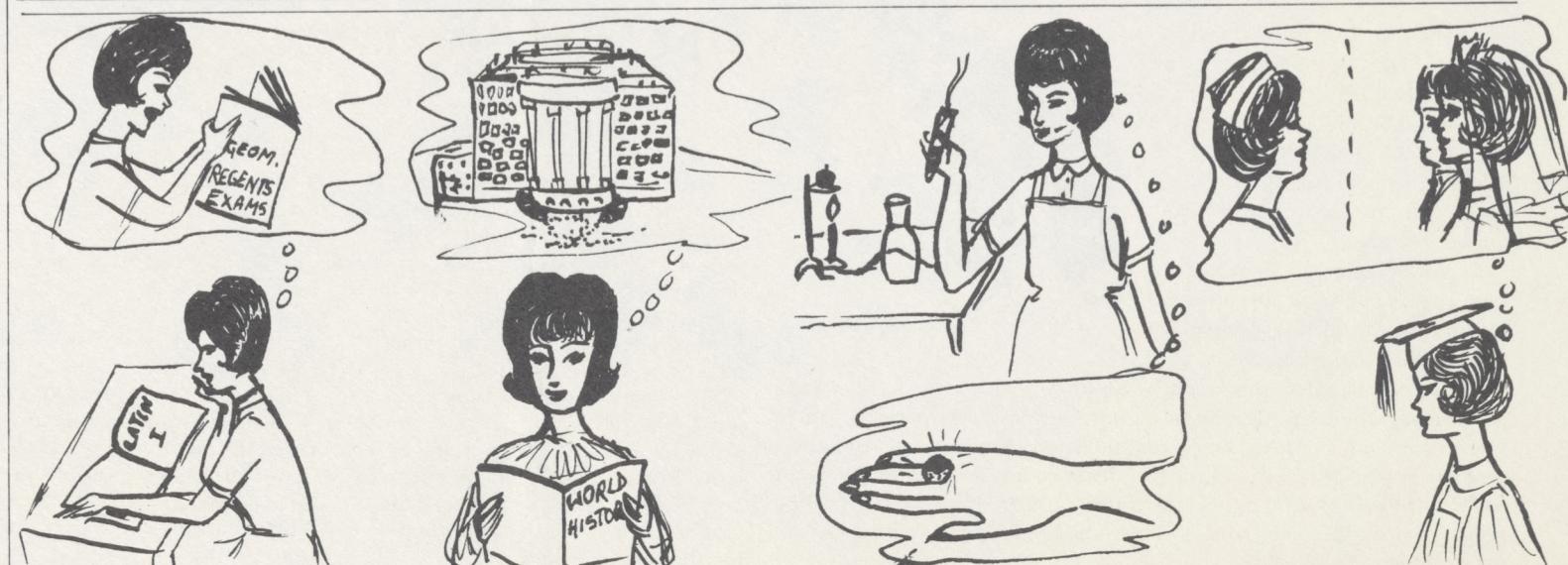
### Latin Club

With the name and inspiration of Rome's greatest epic poet, Virgil, the Latin Club aims to develop a greater understanding of the Latin classics. Fourth year students of the "Aeneid" find membership in the Virgil Club a delightful opportunity for exploring the cultural heritage of the great Roman Empire. Under Sister Regina Fidelis' guidance, Greek and Roman myths live again and immortal scenes of the "Aeneid" inspire cleverly adapted student productions in the form of skits and plays. Members meet each Monday during Latin period.

**Mater Dei Homemaking Club**  
Under the patronage of the Mother of God the Mater Dei Club strives to encourage its members to devote their time, effort, and talents for the welfare of others. With President Laura Winheim D2-101, the members strive to attain this goal by giving Halloween parties at two different orphanages, sending Christmas stockings to the Red Cross, and making kimonas for infants of poor families. Meetings are held every Wednesday at 3 o'clock in the cafeteria under the supervision of Sister Alice Maria.

### In Memoriam

The students and faculty of Bishop McDonnell wish to express their prayerful sympathy to Linda Flakes A10-101, Helen Gonzalez A3-206, and Rosemary Santoli D5-HR on the death of their fathers. Please remember the souls of these men and all the souls in purgatory during the remainder of November, the month of the Holy Souls.



## Corps Promotes World Peace By Varied Program Of Activity

Immediately following World War II the "dream" career of high school and college students was enlistment in the Armed Forces of America. The popularity of this field grew from the glamorized picture presented to these teenagers by Hollywood's "authentic" war stories. Almost twenty years later, in his inaugural speech, President Kennedy offered to the American youth a replacement for the post war "dream" career by proposing the establishment of a volunteer Peace Corps. This proposal was spontaneously accepted by the American people. However unlike its predecessor, the Peace Corps was not dependent on Hollywood's publicity to become successful. The citizens of the United States were aware of the state of economic and social affairs in foreign countries and they readily accepted the challenge to see what they could do to help to promote the prestige of the American government and to improve developments in underdeveloped countries.

As a result of various projects Corps members all over the world have piled up hundreds of small tributes to their labors such as being serenaded by Filipino gigolos and adoption as sons by Southeast Asian aborigines. Triumph ranging from teaching the twist in Nyasaland to growing lettuce in Brazil to building badminton courts in Borneo are only a few of the items in the "assets" column of the Peace Corps' records.

On the liability side of the books, kept by the Corps' director, Sargent Shriver, there are many problems still facing the organization. Among these are that many corpsmen are racked with illness and are bedded down in squalor. Up to date six volunteers have died and 248 have quit or been fired. In accounting for this number of "drop-outs" there are numerous reasons, among which are incapability to sustain on the foods or the inability to wrestle with the tongue twisting languages.

In the following issues the "Laurel" will present monthly articles on the Peace Corps.

## Girls Further Studies In Science And Math

In order to widen their fields of knowledge, various Memorialites have participated in programs of study outside of their normal school schedule. These extra courses are concerned with the ever on-the-move world of science and the many fascinating and challenging aspects of math.

Jeanette Scardino, and Gloria Scardino are attending Saint John's University as a continuation of their grant in physics.

Marion Brust is presently taking a course in geology at the Museum of Natural History.

Recently the New York Colorto Section of the "New York News" carried a feature article on summer science educational activities throughout the city. Among its photos was a picture taken of Maria Celo Cruz during her summer science course in biology at Yeshiva University. To supplement this course she is now attending a science course at Columbia University.

Anne Madden, Eileen McGinn, and Helena Pycior received grants to study advanced mathematics at any city college.

## Have You Heard . . .

A contagious virus swept through Bishop's during its recent Crusade Drive. This epidemic was diagnosed as "Mission madness" and it left an indelible mark in each official class. The victims who suffered the most serious cases of the "madness" are . . .

Raffling off the class president as a "slave" for the day was one of the popular procedures utilized by official classes to raise money. D6-105 used this method but to the surprise of the official teacher and to the delight of Kathy Gerardi, the president was won by Sister Margaret Loyola . . .

Contests were the "fad" in this year's mission drive. D9-303 started the rage when they posted signs throughout the school which asked the perplexing question "Who is Mr. X?" A date with the "mystery man" was raffled off along with dinner for two at "The Top of the Sixes" followed by the Broadway show "Enter Laughing" . . .

The Little Theater was the location of D11-112's Beauty Parlor which opened "shop" before school and during ninth periods. Joyce Bacynski, Alice Curatolo and Fran Castelluccio were the expert "beauticians" who created the hair styles for those Memorialites who took advantage of this opportunity to support the missions and to beautify their coiffures . . .

D5-H.R. utilized their ideal location by charging a ten cents toll to the students using the History room as a short cut through the basement . . .

Have you heard that A8-307 has had 30 consecutive days of perfect attendance. . .

Theresa Grosso, D13-207, was Queen of the San Genaro Feast . . .